

THE CATASTROPHE AT SAN DIEGO

Bennington Loses 27 Men By Explosion

(Associated Press Cable to The Star).

SAN DIEGO, Cal., July 21.—A shocking accident occurred aboard the U. S. S. Gunboat Bennington today. A boiler exploded killing 27 men and injuring over 60 others. Many of the injured received fatal wounds.

ANXIOUS FOR THE DETAILS

OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE GUNBOAT WERE WELL KNOWN IN HONOLULU AS VESSEL HAD BEEN ON DUTY AT THIS PLACE FOR NEARLY TWO MONTHS PRECEDING THE ACCIDENT.

No advices of the terrible accident July 8 and reached the Molokai port aboard the gunboat Bennington have been received at the Naval station. The first news of the affair was conveyed to Lieutenant Commander Niblack by the Star this afternoon following the receipt of the Associated Press report telling of the accident. Particular interest is attached to the Bennington from the fact that she was the last American gunboat to be stationed on special duty at Honolulu. The vessel had evidently arrived at San Diego this week from Honolulu. News of the accident caused a great shock today for the officers and crew were well known in this city. The vessel arrived in Honolulu May 25 from San Francisco, and remained in this port until July 8. She then left for Kalaupapa with Acting Governor Atkinson and several other government officials who were on a special mission for the Territorial government. The party left Honolulu at midnight about

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ANOTHER CRUELTY CHARGE.

E. J. Kamakala has brought suit for divorce from Samuel K. Kamakala, on the grounds of cruelty, habitual intemperance and failure to provide.

CAUTION!

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SAN FRANCISCO, July 21.—The main starboard boiler of the Bennington, forward of the smokestack, is the one which exploded. The explosion was witnessed by hundreds of people on shore and from the piers, also by many in pleasure craft and ferryboats.

Bodies and fragments of bodies were hurled high into the air amid the fragments of the vessel. Launches and ferryboats picked up the bodies of the dead and dying in the water, and saved many of the wounded. They were conveyed from the wharf to San Diego hospitals in wagons.

Lieutenant Perry is one of the wounded. He is burned beyond hope of recovery.

Commander Lucien Young was on shore at the time of the explosion. He was soon on board and ordered the watertight compartments closed, to prevent the damaged vessel from sinking. She has been beached.

TO KILL SULTAN

SOFIA, July 21.—It is reported officially from Constantinople that an attempt was made to assassinate the Sultan.

PAUL JONES' BODY ARRIVES

NEW YORK, July 21.—The fleet of United States warships conveying the body of John Paul Jones from France to America, has been sighted.

ENGLAND MAY HAVE ELECTIONS

LONDON, July 21.—Premier Balfour conferred with the King today. The House of Commons adjourned until Monday, awaiting the government's decision in view of the defeat of the government forces in the House of Commons yesterday on the vote to reduce the membership from Ireland.

DERBY WINNER DEFEATED

LONDON, July 21.—The Eclipse Stakes was won today by Val D'or who defeated Cicero, the Derby winner.

NORMAN WATKINS IS COMMISSIONER

ADVISED TODAY OF HIS PERMANENT APPOINTMENT AS SHIPPING COMMISSIONER.

Norman Watkins received by the mail news of his appointment as shipping commissioner for the territory. He has been acting commissioner for a number of months, having taken over the office when B. Griggs Holt the former commissioner relinquished the position. Watkins' conduct of the position has been of a satisfactory character and accompanying his appointment was a letter from the Commissioner of Navigation complimenting Watkins upon his excellent competitive examination which the new commissioner had passed under the civil service. The notification of the appointment came from Victor Metcalf, Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

BREWERY STOCK LISTED

The stock of the Honolulu Brewing & Malting Company was listed on the Stock Exchange today, and Halstead & Company reported the sale of 500 shares at par value, \$20 a share. This is equivalent to \$200 a share of the old stock which had a par value of \$100 a share. The capital stock has been recently increased from \$200,000 to \$400,000 and divided into shares of \$20 each.

SUGAR STEAMERS TO SAIL.
The S. S. Nevada will be dispatched for Kahului at 5 p. m. Sunday and the S. S. Texan will sail at the same hour on Wednesday for Kaahapali. Both will load sugar.

HAWAII MUST QUELL HER OWN RIOTS

GENERAL DAVIS, THE JUDGE ADVOCATE OF THE ARMY SAYS THAT HAWAII CANNOT SADDLE THAT DUTY ON THE UNITED STATES—THIS OPINION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY ACTING SECRETARY OF WAR OLIVER.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—The labor companies of artillery at Hawaii and situation in the Hawaiian Islands, a request was made for four companies where several thousand Japanese laborers on sugar plantations are on strike, has led to representation to the department in a memorandum from War Department that a call for the use of United States troops might be expected at any time. There are two

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ARMITAGE AFTER WAIMEA STOCK

LOCAL BROKER RUMORED TO HAVE SECURED CONTROL OF THE OLD KAUAI PLANTATION—HE IS GENERALLY SUPPOSED TO BE ACTING FOR H. P. FAYE OF KEKAHA WHO HAS ALREADY SECURED THE FEE SIMPLE OF MUCH OF THE LAND.

Street rumor was busy yesterday afternoon and this morning with a story to the effect that Harry Armitage the well known broker had managed to secure a controlling interest in the Waimea Sugar Mill Company of Waimea, Kauai. The property is an old one which belonged at one time to H. W. Schmidt. When organized as a company its capital stock was \$50,000. Schaefer & Company being the original agents. It paid well for some time and several years ago was reorganized for \$125,000 with Castle & Cooke as agents. During recent years the wells turned salty and a greatly reduced output was the result until the last crop was harvested when it is understood, some 1400 or 1500 tons was taken off where the former crop had been about 400. The increase was due entirely to the excellent quality of the new water supply, a supply sufficient to very much increase the acreage under crop.

Armitage was asked this morning as to the truth of the story regarding his sudden interest in Waimea and he stated that it was true that he had

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